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189th Med. experts advance Guatemalan program ~*State Partnership program spotlights cooperation*



Clockwise from top left: Chief Master Sgt. Billy Ruhland, 189th Medical Group superintendent, and Lt. Col. Eric Burdge, Arkansas State Air Surgeon, speak with a Guatemalan Air Force pilot about the Guatemalan Army Rescue and Humanitarian Unit; members of the Arkansas State Partnership Program, including members of the 189th Medical Group, attend an exercise on the flight line in Guatemala City; Lt. Col. Paul Sherman, 189th Medical Group administrator, reviews flight medicine equipment needs with members of the Guatemalan Air Force hospital staff during a State Partnership Program visit to Guatemala Jan. 11 - 17, 2015.

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Arkansas ANG faces historic times

By Col. Robert Ator, II
189th Airlift Wing commander

We face some historic times in the state of Arkansas and within the Arkansas Air National Guard. For the first time in our state's history we have an Air Force officer serving as the senior ranking military officer in Maj. Gen. Mark H. Berry, the new Adjutant General.

The result is some shifts in leadership at state headquarters as Maj. Gen. Berry sets his staff.

While Brig. Gen. Dwight Balch remains commander of the Arkansas Air National Guard, several moves on the adjutant general staff have been announced.

Specific to our wing: Col. Tamhara Hutchens-Frye will relinquish command of the 189th Mission Support Group to become Chief of the Joint Staff. Col. Marc Sicard will step down as the vice commander to become the Director of Staff for the Arkansas Air National Guard. Col. Rick Oxner will step down from that position and move over as the director of the Human Resources Office. Lt. Col. Wes Nichols will remain the deputy HRO and Lt. Col. Tammy Culley will return to the wing.

To support these moves, I am very excited and pleased to announce the following moves within the 189th:

Your new vice commander will be Col. Joe Wilson, who comes to us from Headquarters, U.S. Air Force Logistics. He's an Arkansan with one heck of a background, and experience at the squadron and group level as well as National Guard Bureau and Headquarters Air Force.

The new Mission Support commander will be Lt. Col. Don Clark. He is currently the 154th Training Squadron commander and will do exceptional things in lead of the True Combatants!

Lt. Col. Patti Clements will relinquish command of the Force Support Squadron and become the Deputy Support Group commander. Lt. Col. Dave Allen, deputy



HRO, will bring a world of experience to the job of FSS commander.

Lt. Col. Tom Parker will take command of the 154th. He has been an exceptional leader and I can think of no one more knowledgeable of the Formal Training Unit business. Maj. Chris Raymond will replace him as chief of Standards/Evaluations.

There will be additional moves inside of individual units, but we can trust our group and squadron commanders to make these moves to support both you and the mission. I have sought out and received exceptional counsel from your leadership -- both officer and enlisted -- to determine how to best support you, with my prevailing thought being on providing the widest spread of opportunity and breadth of experience.

I know you will welcome our people to their new responsibilities with the professionalism that you bring to the job every day! I am so very excited for the wing's future under their leadership, and expect even greater heights. After all, WE LEAD!!!

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189AW Rapid Augmentation Team changes

By Master Sgt. William Catton
189AW Emergency Manager

In the next few months, the 189th Rapid Augmentation Team (RAT) will be undergoing significant updates and changes in the way we operate.

In the past, the RAT has operated as three separate teams on a rotational basis, with primarily augmenters filling most of the positions.

As the 189th and the entire Air National Guard grow their mission of supporting Domestic Operations, (DOMOPS), more emphasis will be placed on operating efficiently and effectively.

In an effort to meet these requirements, we will be adopting Force Package (FP) based team.

A FP is a pre-identified compliment of personnel, tools and equipment targeted for a specific mission. For example, civil engineering has a route debris clearance package specifically intended to clear roadways after an ice storm or a tornado.

This force package along with the rest of the FPs will have specific equipment and personnel assigned to them.

Along with assigned personnel and equipment, there will be specialized AFSC training associated with operating the specialized equipment.

This concept will allow other federal and state response agencies to better and more efficiently pick the exact asset they need to assist the citizens of Arkansas in recovery.

The new RAT concept will have seven FPs of which most are unit specific, with an augmentation component to be filled with 189th members from across various other specialties.

The RAT will no longer have three separate teams operating on a rotational basis, but instead will utilize a one-team, Force Package concept. The number of augmenters will be scaled back due to most of the FPs being unit and AFSC specific. However, there will still be opportunities



Members of the 189th Airlift Wing Rapid Augmentation Team stand with members of the Valonia Police Department in front of the 189th's Mobile Emergency Operation Center (MEOC) after a tornado hit Valonia in May of 2014.

for other wing members to support.

A new operating guide which outlines the new policies and procedures is currently being drafted and is scheduled to be implemented this Spring (NLT May 2015). However, team A will still go on rotation

as planned in February. As the wing motto states; "WE LEAD", and the 189AW is on the leading edge for DOMOPS response in the ANG.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Emergency Management flight @ 987-2169.

189th Airlift Wing Migration to Begin in March

From the 189th Comm Flight

This eAdvisory is the second in a series used to keep our 189th computer users informed of upcoming migration information and any necessary actions.

As part of a larger USAF effort to transform cyber operations, the AFNET Migration project is intended to consolidate all individual or stand-alone Air Force,

Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard networks into the centralized AFNET.

This effort significantly improves network security and standardization, as well as drastically reduces operations and training costs through the elimination of redundant systems and services.

A major benefit of the AFNET for users across the USAF is the ability to manage personal information and communicate on the same

user account whether they are deployed, TDY or in garrison.

Users are asked to prepare for occasional service interruptions as migrations progress, and to expect to restore some features to your desktop environment (e.g., SharePoint access, drive mapping) after migration.

As the 189th approaches its projected 1 Mar 2015 start date, teams of technicians from the 189th Comm Flight, the 299th Network Operations

Support Squadron, the Air Force Network Integration Center, and the 690th Cyber Operations Group are busy preparing equipment and resources to facilitate the migration of almost 1,000 users.

For any additional questions, we encourage you to contact the wing comm focal point at 189aw.cfp@ang.af.mil or by phone at 987-3244.



Warrior of the Month: Senior Airman Torrez French



Rank and Name: SrA Torrez Jay French

Unit: 189th FSS

Job Title: Career Development

Status: Technician

Hometown: Nashville, Arkansas

Civilian Employment: Human Resources

Family: Sheila French- Mother; Willie French- Father; Monica French-Sister; Willie Hearon- Grandmother Jerry Hearon- Grandfather Jerri Lynn- Aunt

Why I joined the Guard: To become a better person/leader, the benefits and for the education benefits.

Most rewarding part of my job: Assisting

commanders and daily customers to benefit the wing.

Hobbies: Playing basketball, hanging out with friends/family, dancing, reading, playing video games, running, work.

My favorite movie is: Friday

My favorite TV Show(s): WWE Monday Night Raw

My favorite book: Tears of A Tiger

A perfect day would be: With my girlfriend Sarah on the beach enjoying our honeymoon.

I admire: Dwayne Wade

Something no one knows about me: I am half Native American



The Top Performer Award

By Master Sgt. Justin M. Tierney
Maintenance Group Quality Assurance

The “First” 189th Maintenance Squadron Quality Assurance Top Performer award was presented on 14 January 2015 to Staff Sgt. Elijah Root.

This award is given to an individual that has been identified by the 189th Quality Assurance Office as a Top Performer.

A Top Performer is identified by displaying outstanding professionalism, skill and attitude resulting in a major contribution to the overall effectiveness and success of the 189th Airlift Wing.

All recipients will receive a 189th Quality Assurance Top Performer certificate, a 189th Quality Assurance coin and will be treated to lunch by the entire

Quality Assurance Office.

Staff Sgt. Root received the award for his meticulous inspection on a HDU-43 heater, identifying a missing distribution duct locking pin.

His recollection back to the exact events in 2013 which led to over \$399,000 in foreign object damage (FOD), to a T56-A-15 aircraft engine, and snapping more than nine years of zero FOD incidents within the 189th, Staff Sgt. Root was able to alleviate any damage while saving countless maintenance man hours and lost flying hours of the 189th mission.

These actions directly demonstrate why the 189th and Team Little Rock continue to excel and surpass every standard. Great job Staff Sgt. Root!





State Partnership program in action in Guatemala

~189th Medical joins active duty to advance Guatemalan flight medicine

By Senior Airman Ian Caple

189th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Guatemala City, Guatemala – Arkansas Air National Guard medical personnel along with 12th Air Force International Health Specialists and active duty Air Force flight surgeons returned to Guatemala to continue subject matter expert exchanges (SMEE's) in the flight medicine program there.

This mission was done under the Arkansas National Guard State Partnership Program. The National Guard established the State Partnership Program to create sister country relationships between states and foreign countries. The Arkansas National Guard has partnered with the country of Guatemala.

The Air Force Southern Command established this mission to help develop a flight medicine program within the Guatemalan Air Force. The primary means of doing this is to combine state partnership flight medicine experts with 12th Air Force International Health Specialists.

This particular team conducted a flight medicine information exchange in August 2014 to better understand the Guatemalan military medical assets and capabilities.

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Top to bottom: Chief Master Sgt. Billy Ruhland, 189th Medical Group Superintendent and Maj. Brian Neese, International Health Specialist Team Chief, review renovations of a flight medicine patient exam room; Lt. Col. Eric Burdge, Arkansas State Air Surgeon gives flight medicine lectures to Guatemalan medical personnel, pilots and civilian first responders at the Guatemalan Air Force base on Jan. 12, 2015.





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Force has made to establish a flight medicine program since the last visit is remarkable,” said Lt. Col. Paul Sherman, 189th MDG administrator. “Within the last five months they have added necessary infrastructure to their hospital, which will house their flight medicine clinic. In addition, they have begun the process to establish flight medicine standards and doctrine. Their actions prove that they are serious about their desire to become a safer Air Force through flight medicine.”

On this visit the team conducted a flight medicine advanced concepts conference. This included briefing Guatemalan medical personnel, pilots and civilian first responders on subjects such as aerospace physiology and medicine; aeromedical standards; crew resource management; occupational health and safety programs; and patient aeromedical evacuation.



Top to bottom: Guatemalan medical personnel, pilots and civilian first responders pose for a group photo after concluding the flight medicine conference held at the Barcelo Hotel, Guatemala City, on Jan. 15, 2015; Chief Master Sgt. Billy Ruhland, 189th Medical Group Superintendent, gives flight medicine lectures to Guatemalan medical personnel, pilots and civilian first responders during the flight medicine conference held at the Barcelo Hotel, Guatemala City, on Jan. 12, 2015.



Promotions



To Technical Sergeant

Ashley N. Brodnax, 189 CES
Kenneth S. Hailey, 154 TRS



To Staff Sergeant

Cameron L. Kohler, 189 CES
Jacqueline G. Pope, 189 OSS



To Senior Airman

Cory D. Jackson, 189 AMXS
Caleb C. Tibbits, 189 CES

PME Graduations

Squadron Officer School

Capt. Jeremy Stevens, 189 CES, 26 Nov 14

Capt. Jason Kulaga, 189 SFS, 7 Dec 14

Senior NCO Academy

Master Sgt. David McClanahan, 189 MXS, 7 Jan 15

Non-Commissioned Officer Academy

Technical Sgt. Tiffany Bellows, 189 MXS, 10 Dec 14

Technical Sgt. Jacob Lambert, 189 CF, 17 Dec 14

Technical Sgt. Angela Dohm, 189 MDG, 17 Dec 14

Technical Sgt. John Clamp, 189 LRS, 17 Dec 14

Technical Sgt. Donald Dodson, 189 MXG, 17 Dec 14

Technical Sgt. Gregory Martz, 189 MXS, 17 Dec 14

Airman Leadership School

Senior Airman Benjamin Rieben, 189 MSG, 14 Jan 15

Senior Airman David Reid, 189 LRS, 7 Dec 14

Retirements

Maj. Christopher May, 154 TRS, 20 Jan 15

Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Fry, JFHQ, 1 Jan 15

Master Sgt. Christopher Pelletier, 154 TRS, 1 Jan 15

Technical Sgt. Robyn Rosamond, 189 CES, 6 Jan 15



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The 189th Welcomes Maj. Gen. Mark Berry, new Adjutant General of the Arkansas National Guard! We're looking forward to working with you, sir!



Maj. Gen. Mark H. Berry, the newly appointed Adjutant General of Arkansas, and his wife Theresa.